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In the application of :
Francisco Valentino Villagran, et al. : Confirmation No. 3231
Serial No. 09/911,336 : Group Art Unit 1761
Filed July 23, 2001 : Examiner Helen F. Pratt

For FORTIFIED BEVERAGES WITH IMPROVED TEXTURE AND FLAVOR IMPACT AT
LOWER DOSAGE OF SOLIDS

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Dear Sir:

Petitioner, The Procter & Gamble Company, is the owner of the entire right, title and interest in the above-identified application (the assignment recorded on 09/28/2001 at reel 012212, frame 0237). Petitioner hereby disclaims, except as provided below, the terminal part of the statutory term of any patent granted on the above-identified application, which would extend beyond the expiration date of the full statutory term defined in 35 U.S.C. §154 to §156 and §173 as presently shortened by any terminal disclaimer, of prior Patent No. 6,290,997, issued September 18, 2001 and Patent No. 6,180,159, issued January 30, 2001. The evidentiary documents for the assignments have been reviewed, and petitioner certifies that to the best of petitioner's knowledge and belief, title is in the assignee to take this action. Petitioner hereby agrees that any patent so granted on the above-identified application shall be enforceable only for and during such period that it and U.S. Patent Numbers 6,290,997 and 6,180,159 are commonly owned. This agreement runs with any patent granted on the above-identified application and is binding upon the grantee, its successors or assigns.

In making the above disclaimer, petitioner does not disclaim the terminal part of any patent granted on the above-identified application that would extend to the expiration date of the full statutory term as defined in 35 U.S.C. §154 to §156 and §173 of the prior patent, as presently shortened by any terminal disclaimer, in the event that it later: expires for failure to pay a maintenance fee, is held unenforceable, is found invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, is statutorily disclaimed in whole or terminally disclaimed under 37 C.F.R. §1.321, has all claims canceled by a reexamination certificate, is reissued, or is in any manner terminated prior to the expiration of its full statutory term as presently shortened by any terminal disclaimer.

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The undersigned is empowered to act on behalf of the assignee.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Authorization is given to charge Deposit Account No. 16-2480 for the fee required under 37 C.F.R. §1.20 (d) for submission of this Terminal Disclaimer. A duplicate copy of this correspondence is enclosed to facilitate charging of the fee.

Respectfully submitted,

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T.D. INFORMAL MEMO: DO NOT MAIL THIS MEMO TO APPLICANT

DATE: 16-Oct-03APPL. S.N.: 09/911,336TO: EXAMINER PRATT, HELEN FART UNIT: 1761FROM: Walker, Angela

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SUBJECT: Decision on Terminal Disclaimer (T.D.) filed: 26-Sep-03

INSTRUCTIONS: I have reviewed the submitted T.D. with the results as set forth below. If you agree, please use the appropriate form paragraphs identified by this informal memo in your next Office action to notify applicant of the T.D. If you disagree or have any questions, please see me or the Special Program Examiner. THIS IS AN INFORMAL, INTERNAL MEMO ONLY. IT MUST NOT BE (1) MAILED TO APPLICANT OR (2) PLACED OF RECORD IN THE APPLICATION FILE. When your action is complete, please initial, date and return this memo to me. THANK YOU.

- ☒ The T.D. is PROPER and has been recorded (see ¶ 14.23).
- ☐ The T.D. is NOT PROPER and has not been accepted for the reason(s) checked below (see ¶ 14.24):
- ☐ The TD fee of has not been submitted nor is there any authorization in the application file for the use of a deposit account (see ¶ 14.26.07).
 - ☐ The T.D. does not satisfy Rule 321 in that the person who has signed the T.D. has not stated the extent of his/her interest (and/or the extent of the interest of the business entity represented by the signature) in the application/patent (see ¶¶ 14.26 & 14.26.01).
 - ☐ The T.D. lacks the enforceable only during common ownership clause – needed to overcome a non-statutory double patenting rejection, Rule 321(b) (see ¶ 14.27.01).
 - ☐ The T.D. is directed to a particular claim(s), which is not acceptable since “the disclaimer must be for a terminal portion of the term of the entire patent to be granted” (MPEP 1490) (see ¶¶ 14.26 & 14.26.02).
 - ☐ The person who signed the T.D.:
 - ☐ is not an attorney “of record” (see ¶¶ 14.29 and 14.29.01).
 - ☐ has failed to state his/her capacity to sign for the business entity (see ¶ 14.28).
 - ☐ is not recognized as an officer of the assignee (see ¶¶ 14.29 & possible 14.29.02).
 - ☐ No documentary evidence of a chain of title from the original inventor(s) to assignee has been submitted, nor is the reel and frame number specified as to where such evidence is recorded in the Office (see 37 CFR 3.73(b) and 1140 O.G. 72). NOTE: This documentary evidence or the specifying of the reel and frame number may be found in the T.D. or in a separate paper of record in the application (see ¶ 14.30).
 - ☐ The T.D. is not signed (see ¶¶ 14.26 & 14.26.03).
 - ☐ The serial number of the application (or the number of the patent) which forms the basis for the double patenting rejection is missing or incorrect (see ¶ 14.32).
 - ☐ The serial number of this application (or the number of the patent in reexam or reissue cases being disclaimed is missing or incorrect (see ¶¶ 14.26, 14.27.02 or 14.26.05).
 - ☐ The period disclaimed is incorrect or not specified (see ¶¶ 14.26, 14.27.02 or 14.26.03).
 - ☐ Other:
 - ☐ Suggestion to request refund (see ¶ 14.36). NOTE: If already authorized, credit refund to deposit account and **do not** check this item.

I have appropriately notified applicant(s) of the status of the Terminal Disclaimer filed in this case.

Ex. Initials: _____ Date: _____

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